

YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I am writing about my husband and grown son. There are no children in our family, please bear this in mind.

We haven't had a normal evening meal in two and a half years. There's always shooting, screaming, and cowboys—anything that moves and makes noise on a TV screen. Conversation is out of the question. My husband and son keep their eyes glued to the screen every moment they are seated at the table.

They swing the set around so as not to miss a single shot. If they miss their mouths, I'm supposed to clean it up. The set is a portable and they wheel it from one room to the next as if it were an oxygen tank and their lives depended on it.

I don't mind that they spend every evening looking at 7-year-old movies, nose-bleeds and bonerushers, but don't you feel I'm entitled to a little polite conversation at dinner? If you tell me to leave them alone and eat in the kitchen, I will, Ann. I feel like a maid so maybe that's where I belong.—TV Widow With Husband Living.

Dear Ann: The letter signed "Three-Time Loser" has prompted me to write my first letter to a newspaper.

It's this type of woman who blames everyone but herself for her failures. She flits from one man to another in search of "security" when in truth she's looking for A Soft Touch.

The much-married female is always the "taking kind," never giving much in return. She slops around the house all day, eating peanut-brittle and watching the soupy daytime TV shows.

The house usually looks like a cyclone hit it and she justifies her laziness by saying, "Housework is for horses. Anybody can clean a sink. I thought to be writing a novel." Then, when the marriage goes p-f-f-ttt, she screams it was all his fault and proceeds to trim him in court.

I'm 35, a bachelor, and, as she put it, "disgustingly egotistical, mama's darling, slightly alcoholic and proudly neurotic." I'm also happy as the dickens I never had the misfortune to be nailed by a "Three-Time Loser."—M.W.W.

Unmix yourself at once. This man is married, he's too old for you, and he must be a moron to be interested in a girl 15 years old, even if you are "grown-up looking."

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Puzzled Gal: This is an easy one to figure. The guy is N.G. and don't blame the Army. He must have been a bum before he went. Find

Scholarships Awarded to Top Local Students

Torrance High School students continued to pile up honors last week as more scholarships were announced. Richard Bentwood was named the winner of a \$250 college scholarship, winning third place in the liberal arts division of the area-wide Bank of America scholarship competitions, he was informed this week.

some friends . . . who don't need pills to "get going."

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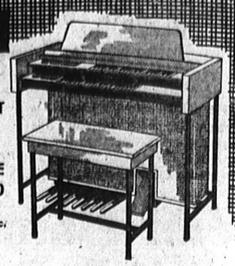
Bentwood already had won a \$100 scholarship in the zone finals of the bank's annual competitions, while fellow Torrance high school student Barbara Carter won a third place zone competition. Student Body President Bentwood already was named as winner of the National Supply Company essay contest and as winner of a full scholarship to the University of Southern California.

Fellow students Bill Strohm and Donald Kelley were offered full scholarships to USC, while Kelley also was offered a Redlands University scholarship.

The Torrance Lions Club presented \$100 scholarships to Marilyn Voorhees and Dennis Brown, who also won a full scholarship to the University of California.

Winners of California State College scholarships for \$800 apiece were Laurence George, William Strohm, and Henry Hinds. Further scholarships are expected to be given to local students before graduation, school officials announced.

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A woman who shops, cooks and serves dinner to her family is entitled to 20 minutes of conversation if she wants it.

Inform these two cases of arrested development if they have so little regard for your cooking and your company, they can eat in a restaurant which has TV.

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 18 and madly in love with a fellow 21. Everything was fine until his mother met me and decided my sweater was too tight and my hair was too long and a few other crazy things like that.

I tried to be as pleasant as possible to her but I could see that she was looking down her nose at me from the first minute we met.

Now she put him in the Army to break us up. He's been gone six weeks and I haven't had but one cool letter and a penny postcard. Is there anything I can do to win him back? He means more to me than any fellow I ever met with. I don't know what to do.—Sweet Lips.

The boy's mother didn't put him in the Army—his "Uncle" did. If the romance has suddenly been K.O'd, don't jump to conclusions. His mother may have had nothing to do with it.

You can't force a boy to write if he doesn't want to. Your only chance is to sit tight. Don't waste money on postage and see what happens when he comes home. In the meantime, go with others.

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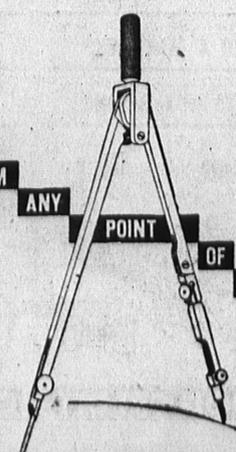
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